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*Sent via email: 74716-80924346@requests.muckrock.com*

Samuel Sinyangwe  
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**RE: PUBLIC RECORDS ACT REQUEST**

Dear Mr. Sinyangwe,

As you are aware from prior correspondence, the Stanislaus County Sheriff's Department (Department) is in receipt of your Public Records Act (PRA) request dated June 6, 2019. As previously noted in our correspondence, the Department invoked its right to an extension of your PRA.

The Department has identified and accumulated records that are responsive to your request. You will find those disclosable public records that are responsive to questions 1-4 attached.

With regard to your request for the Department's policies you can find them by going to the following link:  
<https://www.scsdonline.com/>

With regard to your request for MOU's you can find them at the following links:  
<http://www.stancounty.com/personnel/PDF/custodial-mou.pdf>  
and,  
<http://www.stancounty.com/personnel/PDF/ssda-mou.pdf>

Due to the ability to dispatch the records electronically, the normal and customary reproduction fee is waived.

Sincerely,

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cc: J. Dirkse



# Stanislaus County Sheriff's Department

Jeff Dirkse, Sheriff-Coroner

PRA Request – MuckRock News

January 2016 – April 2019

Unrestricted

**Scope Note:** (U) Pursuant to civil rights under the California Public Record Acts (Government Code section 6250 et seq.), *MuckRock News* has requested the following information

1. the total number of sheriff's deputy uses of force incidents, broken down by type of force used,
2. The total number of people that deputies used force against,
3. the total number of use of force complaints reported and
4. the total number of use of force complaints sustained

between 2013 and 2018. Since Stanislaus County Sheriff's Department has implemented the Use of Force reporting system in January 2016, **use of force incidents occurring from 2016 to 2018** and **use of force complaints reported from 2013 and 2018** are provided in this report.

- (U) For the period between 2016 and 2018, a total of 259 use of force incidents have been recorded (See Table 1).
- (U) For the period between 2016 and 2019, a total of ### civilians have experienced some type of forces used by the Sheriff Deputy (See Table 2)
- (U) For the period between 2013 and 2019, 25 complaints have been reported in regards with use of force incidents, and zero (0) percent of them has been sustained (See Table 3 and 4).

**Disclaimer:** Please note that following figures are obtained directly from the Stanislaus County Sheriff's Department IJIS database, which can differ from any figures submitted to any governmental or non-governmental entities. Also, those figures are subject to change at any circumstances.

**Table 1.** Annual Sum of Use of Force Incidents by Type of Force used by Sheriff Deputy

	2016	2017	2018	Total
Deputy physical contact control hold/takedown	8	4	4	16
Deputy physical contact carotid restraint control hold	1	1	0	2
Deputy physical contact other use of hands, fists, feet, etc.	72	90	56	218
Deputy vehicle contact	0	1	0	1
Blunt / impact weapon	3	2	0	5
Impact projectile	1	1	0	2
Knife, blade or stabbing instrument	1	2	0	3
K-9	0	1	0	1
Other dangerous weapons (e.g., firearms)	2	6	3	11
<b>Total</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>259</b>

**Table 2.** Annual Sum of Civilians Experienced Some Type of Force Used by Sheriff Deputy

	2016	2017	2018	Total
Count	95	116	65	

**Table 3.** Annual Sum of Use of Force Complaints Reported

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	Total
Count	5	0	5	4	9	2	25

**Table 4.** Annual Sum of Use of Force Complaints Sustained

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	Total
Count	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

3. The total number of use of force complaints reported between 2013-2018 (separated by year).

**#3**

2013- 5

2014- 0

2015- 5

2016- 4

2017- 9

2018- 2

4. The total number of use of force complaints sustained between 2013-2018 (separated by year).

**#4**

2013- 0

2014- 0

2015- 0

2016- 0

2017- 0

2018- both cases still open.